

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Claims 10 and 11 are allowed and claims 3-6, 8, 9, and 13 are allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In the present amendment claims 1 and 2 have been amended to clarify applicant's claimed invention. Claims 7 and 12 have been cancelled and claim 13 has been amended to independent form.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Takubo et al. (Takubo).

Applicant's claim 1 recites: a home location register for storing home zone information indicating whether or not the mobile subscriber is a subscriber of a home zone service, which restricts a moving area of the mobile subscriber.

In the Office Action it's asserted that the reference, Takubo discloses a home subscriber is a subscriber of home zone services in col. 4, lines 54-63, wherein the mobile switching center judges to a position registration request inside/outside a home zone by the mobile subscriber whether or not the registration is accepted, based on the home zone information transmitted from the home location register in column 5, lines 6-67.

The cited reference only teaches whether or not the registration is accepted in the home location register. However it is respectfully submitted that the cited reference fails to suggest the features of claim 1 including a home zone service as restricting a moving area of a mobile subscriber. Applicant's claim recites that a subscriber could be a subscriber of a service restricting a moving area of a mobile subscriber.

In col. 4, lines 54-63, Takubo indicates only a home location register (HLR). The HLR would register a subscriber when in the home location. Further, the description in col. 5, lines 6-67 indicates a location registration method, in which a location registration is temporarily performed by MSC memory 12b, even when memory space is not available in the VLR memory 22b.

The teachings in the cited reference do not related to the mobile switching center judging whether or not the registration is accepted in the home zone, based on the home zone information, which indicates whether or not the mobile subscriber is a subscriber of a home zone service restricting a moving area of the mobile subscriber, transmitted from the home location register.

Because the cited reference fails to teach or suggest every feature of applicant's claim 1, it is respectfully requested the rejection of claim 1 and 2 be withdrawn.


Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tokuyoshi (U.S. 6,377,806). Claim 12 has been cancelled herein obviating this rejection.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takubo. Claim 7 has been cancelled herein obviating this rejection.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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